

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKEUCHI et al.

Serial No.: to be assigned

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For: Continuous Pickling Method and Continuous Pickling Apparatus (as Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees and issuance the first official action, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: